

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 2-14 and 16-22 are pending in this application.

Claims 17-19, 21 and 22 are rejected.

Claims 2-14 and 16 are allowed.

Claim 20 is objected to.

Claims 17-19, 21 and 22 have been cancelled, with out prejudice.

Claim 20 has been amended. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

Rejection of Claims 17-19 Under 35 USC § 102(b)

The Office Action rejected claims 17-19 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,482,211 issued Fisher (hereafter the 211 patent). In an effort to move this case to issue, and without admitting or denying the patentability of claims 17-19, Applicant has elected to obviate the rejection by canceling claims 17-19. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejection and allowance of all remaining pending claims.

Rejection of Claims 21 and 22 Under 35 USC § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,482,211 issued Fisher (hereafter the 211 patent). In an effort to move this case to issue, and without admitting or denying the patentability of claims 21 and 22, Applicant has elected to obviate the rejection by canceling claims 21 and 22. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejection and allowance of all remaining pending claims.

Allowable Matter

Applicant kindly thanks Examiner Cherry for indicated that claims 2-14 and 16 are allowable. Applicant further notes that the Office Action indicated dependent claim 20 was objected to, it was indicated that this claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that the above claim amendments place claim 20 in independent form, therefore Applicant requests allowance of claim 20.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above amendments and remarks claims 2-14 and 16-22, as amended or submitted new, are patentably distinguishable because the cited patents, whether taken alone or in combination, do not teach, suggest or render obvious, the present invention. Therefore, applicant submits that the pending claims are properly allowable, which allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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